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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (SENATOR FULBRIGHT)

SUBJ: TRAVEL OF SENATOR FULBRIGHT TO QATAR

REF: ABU DHABI 1213; DOHA 0664 AND 656; STATE 127446

1. SENATOR FULBRIGHT'S LAST MINUTE SCHEDULE CHANGES HAVE COMPLETELY DISORIENTED GOQ'S PROGRAM FOR HIS VISIT, WHICH BASED ON ONLY DEFINITE INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO US UNTIL RECEIPT OF ABU DHABI REFTEL.

2. PROGRAM SET UP ON BASIS OF ARRIVAL JUNE 8 AT 1800 HRS AND JUNE 9 DEPARTURE AT 1000 HRS WAS AS FOLLOWS:

JUNE 8--1900 HRS-DINNER HOSTED BY GOQ ADVISORY COUNCIL (CLOSEST THING THAT GOQ HAS TO A LEGISLATURE)-- INVITATIONS HAVE ALREADY BEEN ISSUED.

JUNE 9--0800 HRS - BREAKFAST AT AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE

0900 HRS - MEETING WITH AMIR

0930 HRS - MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

1000 HRS - DEPARTURE FOR BAGHDAD

3. ON RECEIPT OF REFTEL, WE CONTACTED AMIR'S OFFICE DIRECTOR

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TO INFORM HIM OF POSSIBLE CHANGES IN SENATOR'S SCHEDULEHJND

ASKED IF GOQ COULD PROVIDE PLANE TO TRANSPORT SENATOR TO BAGHDAD FROM QATAR, ALLOWING LONGER VISIT. OFFICE DIRECTOR AGREED TO PUT REQUEST FOR PLANE TO AMIR WHEN HE RETURNED TO OFFICE LATE THIS AFTERNOON, AND EXPECTED THAT HE COULD GIVE US ANSWER BY 6 P.M. LOCAL. (EMBASSY SKEPTICAL THAT GOQ CAN COME UP WITH PLANE SINCE AMIR DOES NOT HAVE PRIVATE FLEET BUT BORROWS FROM GULF AIR WHEN HE REQUIRES PERSONAL TRANSPORTATION.) OFFICE DIRECTOR SAID HE COULD SQUEEZE SENATOR IN TO SEE AMIR AT 10:30 HRS ON JUNE 8 IF SENATOR'S VISIT HAD TO BE ABBREVIATED FOR REASONS OF TRANSPORTATION.

4. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT SENATOR AND PARTY CAN FLY DOHA/BAGHDAD ON MONDAY, JUNE 9 AS FOLLOWS: DOHA/BAHRAIN VIA GF 330 DEPARTING 0745, ARRIVING 0815 HRS; BAHRAIN/BAGHDAD VIA IA 030 DEPARTING 0920, ARRIVING 1055 HRS. WE WILL TRY TO CONFIRM SPACE ON THESE FLIGHTS LATER THIS AFTERNOON WHEN AIRLINES OFFICES OPEN IF SENATOR SO DESIRES.

5. PLEASE ADVISE BY RETURN NIACT IMMEDIATE CABLE WHAT SENATOR WISHES TO DO IF GOQ CANNOT RPT NOT PROVIDE AIRCRAFT. DOES HE WISH TO STOP BRIEFLY IN DOHA TOMORROW, CALL ON AMIR, AND DEPART THAT AFTERNOON FOR BAGHDAD? THIS WOULD SCRATCH ADVISORY COUNCIL DINNER, AND PERHAPS APPOINTMENT WITH FOREIGN MINISTER. (OFFICIAL DINNERS HERE ARE PRO FORMA AFFAIRS AND NOT RPT NOT USEFUL FOR CONTACTS OR CONVERSATION. AS NOTED ABOVE, HOWEVER, INVITATIONS ALREADY OUT.) DOES SENATOR WISH US TO TRY BOOKING HIM FOR JUNE 9 DEPARTURE AS DESCRIBED IN PARA 4?
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